Expansion of Hindustan Electro-Graphites Limited

1230. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed Hindustan Electro Graphites Limited to expand its capacity; and

(b) if so to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) M|s. Hindustan Electro Graphites Limited had a registered capacity of 10,000 tonnes per annum for the manufacture of Graphite Electrodes and Annodes. The company had applied for enhancement of capacity on account of modernisation by 49 per cent of the registered capacity. Endorsement was made by the Government on 11-7-1986. However, this has been challenged in the Delhi High Court.

Indo-Swedish collaboration

1231. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Indo-Swedish collaboration in the fields of tele-communications, transport and space research; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In the recently concluded Seventh Session of the Indo-Swedish Joint Commission, *inter-alia,* possibilities of furthering bilateral cooperation in the fields of telecommunications, space technology and transportation technology were discussed. The areas identified for possible cooperation are export of capacitor, collaboration in the field of cellular radio systems, remote sensing, mutual data reception and research and development in the sphere of transportation technology. The concerned organisation of the two countries will further discuss to concretise the proposals.

Drilling operations in Andhra Pradesh

1232. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations in Andhra Pradesh where the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has planned to undertake drilling operations in the near future;

(b) the locations at which oil and gas has already been struck in Andhra Pradesh and estimated quantity of oil and gas there; and

(c) the steps taken to put this gas and oil to commercial exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC propose to drill the following locations in Andhra Pradesh by the end of 1986-87:—

1. Surasaniyanam
2. Vetlapalom
3. Vadali
4. Razole-C
5. Komagudem
6. Pallotikurru
7. Kaza-2
8. Tatipaka-2
9. Amlapuram-3
10. Chintalapalli-1
11. Razole-B
12. Kanukollu

(b) Oil and gas has been discovered at Kaikalur and gas alone at Razole, Narsapur, Bhimanapalli, Kaza, Tatipaka. Recoverable reserves of gas as on 1-1-86 are estimated to be 223.5 million cubic metres; oil reserves have not been estimated so far.

(c) Efforts are in hand to locate suitable consumers for utilisation of the available gas.

Domestic captial goods industry

1233. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Government's proposals to boost the domestic capital goods industry;

(b) what is the Government's assessment about the impact of the liberal import of project schemes, and the import of second have plans to boost up domestic industry;

(c) whether those facilities were misused by some parties; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such parties indicating the action taken against them to curb the misuse, in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVOLOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Various measures have been taken for continued growth in production of capital goods industries. These include enhancing their capabilities to face international competition through suitable changes in industrial and fiscal policies, encouraging schemes of modernisation and technology upgradation and providing assitance for adequate availability of inputs. Inter-Ministerial consultations are also taking place at various levels for initiating further measures.

(b) The import of second hand plants under the normal circumstances is not being recommended in case a new plant of similar capacity and specifications can be produced by indigenous manufacturers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Taking over of ACC Babcock by BHEL

1234. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited have proposed the take over of the ACC Babcock Limited (CABL)—a private sector undertaking soon;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the present order position with the ABL; and

(d) whether the Government have approved the said arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As per ACC-Babcock Limited they have orders for Boilers for about 300 MW.

(d) Quesion does not arise.

Import of Turbine generator by Ms. Hindustan Aluminium Company

1235. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have permitted power genrating subsidiary of a Bata Group firm, Hindustan Aluminium Company to import a 68 MW Turbine Generator set from East Germany ignoring the claim of public sector Bharat Heavy Electrica's Limited, to tbe able to supply such equipment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Renusagar Power Company Renukoot (Uttar Pradesh) has been allowed to import the equipment at a concessional customs duty of just 25 per cent instead of 90 per cent, which is normally charged on such equipment; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such decisions?